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your counsel to the promotion of the happiness of the people.

The reading concluded, the Lord Chancellor bowed his obeisance to the Queen, who slightly bowed in return. Then rising from the throne, he bowed to the brilliant assemblage rising from their seats at the same time. Her Majesty stepped slowly down, kissed the Princess of Wales, who sat almost at her side, shook hands with Prince Christian, and, headed out by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, followed by the Princess of Wales and the Duke of Cambridge, walked by the door at which she had entered, with the usual flourish and flourish, in which heralds and garter kings of arms delight, and which they only are learned enough in their art to record. Thus ended the opening of the Seventh Parliament of Queen Victoria. The Peers and Judges and aides and their robes and uncomfortable attire, and the Peers and Judges hastened home, to hear the faint echo in the streets of the hearty applause that was showered upon the Sovereign, by a people delighted to see her once again among them to cheer the hope that the shadow of grief, if not wholly, had partially passed over, and that many years of health and happiness were yet in store for her.

GENERAL NEWS.

In the House of Commons on the 5th, the O'Donnell moved an amendment to the address, declaring it to be the duty of the Ministers to examine into the cause of Irish dissatisfaction and remove them. After a general debate on Fenianism, the amendment was rejected by a vote of 346 to 25, and the address was agreed to.

The London Times published a letter from the late Admiral Parry to a friend in England, in which he says: "This letter will convey to you news of my death. The cause of my death was not of my own making, but of the misfortune of my country. I have been unjust and prejudiced against Fenians. Request him to pardon me. He will know the republic better. He will know the value of his advice and proceedings were ever safe and sound. It is the interest of our country to embrace the first moment to make peace with Fenian."

The Dublin police have discovered a Fenian armory in the rear of the house 304 Great Britain street. In consequence of private invitation they visited the place, and having forced an entrance through a window, they found a box containing five revolvers, a rifle, a shotgun, a pair of pistols, a quantity of powder and cartridges, and a quantity of ammunition. A man named Thomas Barry was arrested.

The Spanish Governor of Cadiz has been notified by telegram by the Spanish Minister at London, that two vessels had left the Mersey under Peruvian flags, but destined for privateering against Spain under the Chilean flag. The same dispatch asserted that two other vessels were fitting out on the Clyde with a similar object.

A telegram from Rotterdam says: The Chilean privateer Independence remained at Feroese, closely watched by a Dutch ship.

An entertainment was given on the 19th of January to General Clay, the American Minister in Russia, by the corporation and merchants of Moscow.

News Items.

By Telegram to the New York Sun.

PETROLEUM has been discovered in southwestern Louisiana.

The Kentucky Legislature adjourned on Monday.

The extensive Government barracks at Chatsanooga, Tenn., were destroyed by fire on Saturday, with all their contents.

The ship Herald of the Morning, from Shields, which was ashore on the Spit, was got off on Monday night, and towed up to Boston.

The ship Hamlet, ashore on Nantux Beach, Mass., was broken up, and the cargo is in the surf. All the cargo between decks had been previously discharged.

ANN BARRY, charged with the murder of her child, five weeks old, in July last, by drowning it in the canal, is now on trial in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, at Rochester, N. Y.

The Savannah Herald says the Georgia Senate has passed a resolution, appointing commissioners to proceed to Washington, to request the withdrawal of negro troops from the State.

VICTORIA papers are full of the wonders of the Big Bend gold diggings in British Columbia, and appeal to California miners to come and get rich.

"Swift Bear," and "Tall Soldier," Chiefs of the Sioux tribe, had a conference with Col. Maudier yesterday, at Laraine, Dakota Territory. Preliminaries of peace were arranged. The Grand Council will be held early in March.

In the Syracuse, N. Y., city election, yesterday, a Democrat was elected Mayor. Five Union and three Democratic Supervisors, and five Union and three Democratic Aldermen were chosen. The result is the same as it was last year.

Two Columbus, Ga., men give the particulars of an affray in the streets of that city, between negro soldiers and the inhabitants, in which one negro was killed and several white men were badly wounded.

The steamship Belgian, Captain Brown, from Liverpool on the 1st inst., arrived at Boston yesterday. The steamer St. Lawrence, from London, and the British steamer Bosphorus, from Liverpool, also arrived at Boston.

VIRGINIA City papers contain a report that 200 men, on their way to the mines in Montana Territory, perished in a snow storm. Communication with that Territory is cut off, and it is feared that great suffering has been experienced there.

An extensive fire occurred on Saturday night, at the corner of St. Charles and Canal streets, New Orleans, destroying two hat stores, a coal oil establishment, a jewelry store, and a sewing machine depot. Loss sixty thousand dollars; mostly insured.

There were quite a number of valuable arrivals at the port of Boston on Monday, including the clipper ship Black Hawk, from San Francisco. On other vessels, there were arrivals of cotton to the number of eleven thousand five hundred bales, chiefly from New Orleans and Mobile, and nearly the whole of it for factory use.

LOCAL NEWS.

NEW YORK AND THE VICINITY.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.—By an oversight in yesterday's Sun, on the celebration of Washington's Birthday, it was said that the Common Council would not take any public part in the proceedings of the day, when it should be that they would, but had not then issued their programme. By reference to the advertisement in another column, it will be seen that the Council will take quite an important part in the celebration. A salute of one hundred guns will be fired at Union Square at noon, and at the same time a number of national and patriotic airs will be rung on Tintinny chimes. In the evening a grand display of fireworks will be given at the City Hall, Madison, Jackson and Tompkins Squares, and other squares and places throughout the city. The military and civic programme will be carried out as given in the Sun of yesterday.

PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED.—A plot was discovered at the Tombs yesterday to release a large number of prisoners. Two at three weeks and Captain

Coulter suspected that a plot existed among the prisoners to effect their escape. William Coleman and Henry Kelly, against whom suspicion attached, were removed to another cell. On examining their cell a steel key, two long iron grappling hooks, an old chisel, two hundred feet of new rope, and other instruments were found. The men then confessed their plan, which was to open their own cell, and then release Bernard Friery, the murderer of Harry Lazarus, and others. They expected to reach the roof, lower themselves down on the roof of the "Ten Day House," and escape by leaping to the ground. A carriage was to have been in readiness to take Friery away.

THE IRISH AND TEMPERANCE CONVENTIONS.—For many years a Convention of Irish Societies has been held annually, for the purpose of making arrangements to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in a becoming manner. Among these Societies, the Father Mathew U. B. T. A. B. Society (now called the Parents) always stood out prominently, and always drew for a position in the line. About twelve months ago, several new Father Mathew Societies having sprung up—the Temperance men organized a Convention of their own, for the purpose of only celebrating the birth of the great Apostle of Temperance whose name they bore.

At this year, instead of sending delegates from each Society to the Irish Convention as usual, they held a Convention elsewhere on their own hook—but at the same time they wish to parade with the Irish Societies, but ask the privilege of being together. From present appearances, it is feared that the Irish Convention will not assent to this, as that body recognizes no second Convention, but insists on each Society coming in separately, or remaining out altogether.

The Temperance people say that this is not fair, as no matter what position the Ancient Order of Hibernians draw for, they are not to walk in the procession, but they are met by the assertion that although the A. O. H. are divided into different members, they are but one body, ruled by a general grand body and with but one charter. Meantime it must be admitted that the deliberations of the Irish Convention are carried on in the most orderly manner, and no improper language is used in speaking of the Temperance men.

On Friday night a final answer will be given to the Temperance Societies, who are most anxious to make all honorable concessions in order to parade with the other Irish Societies. It is hoped that the two Conventions will meet each other halfway, and thus harmonize the differences which apparently exist between them, so as to have a united parade.

EMBER DAYS.—Wednesday (to-day), Friday and Saturday of this week are the Ember days, which follow the first Sunday in Lent. These days are of great antiquity in the Christian Church, and are days of solemn fasting. In the Protestant Episcopal and Catholic Churches special prayers are offered up on this day for those who are about to be admitted into holy orders, and in Catholic countries the clergy, and in Catholic countries the clergy, usually take place on Ember Sunday. The object of the observance of the Ember days is to consecrate to God the four seasons of the year by "penance" in the Catholic Church, and in both churches to obtain His blessing on the fruits of the earth, and to be of Him worthy ministers for His church. During this week "indulgences" can be obtained in the Catholic Church on the usual conditions.

THE GUNBOAT WINOSKI has been assigned to the West India Squadron and will shortly sail for her destination. Her late opponent, the Algonquin, is to be put out of commission and will shortly be laid up.

THE MURDER IN A WASHINGTON STREET DANCE HALL.—Yesterday Coroner Wilkey held an inquest on the body of August Ludke, who was shot on Friday evening last, during an affray in the dance hall of Frederick Rohde, 161 Washington street. The jury rendered the following verdict: "That August Ludke came to his death by a pistol shot wound at the hands of John McDonald, on the 16th of February, 1866, at 161 Washington street. They further hold Patrick Hursey, Michael Burns, Thomas Jennings and John Land as accessories." The persons named in the verdict were arrested at the time of the murder, but the principal escaped. They were committed to await the act of the grand jury.

NEW YORK JUVENILE ASYLUM.—The Directors of this benevolent institution have issued their Thirtieth Annual Report, from which it appears that since their organization more than 10,000 children have been committed to their care, 2,600 of whom have been rescued from vicious lives and placed at useful occupations in the Western States and elsewhere. Three hundred of these boys were in the Union army during the war. In the twelve years only 50 out of a large number in the Asylum, died; and out of a family average from 600 to 1,000 not a single death has occurred in twenty-six months past. In 1863 a Trust Act was passed, but no suitable place has been provided by the authorities of the city for a "Trust Home." Only two children ran away from the Asylum in 1864, though the gates are often open and the enclosure can be scaled by almost any of the inmates. To sustain the institution, effort, at the present high price of labor, food, fuel, clothing and other supplies, the sum of at least \$15,000 is required to pay current expenses. A mortgage of \$35,000 which rested on the property has been reduced to \$18,000 during the year and the Directors are anxious to pay off the balance, so as to enable them to enlarge their means of usefulness. Subscriptions from the benevolence of every class are asked for. The Asylum is located in Fifth street, near 10th avenue, New York. A. R. Wetmore, Esq., is President, and J. B. Collins, Treasurer of the institution, to whom all donations may be sent.

THE TRAGEDY IN FORTY-SEVENTH STREET.—On Monday night Coroner Collins paid a visit to the mother of the three children who were found dead in a shanty on 47th street on Sunday. The condition of the woman was improving, and she was slowly returning to consciousness. The Coroner thinks he will be able to lay before the jury the woman's deposition on Monday next, when the investigation into the affair will be resumed. Drs. Shuman and Little have made a post mortem examination of the remains of the children, but no traces of the cause of death could be found. The stomachs have been sent to Prof. Doremus for analysis, the results of which will be made known as the investigation. The remains of the children were interred yesterday.

FIRE.—About 3 1/2 o'clock P. M. yesterday, a fire broke out on the fourth floor of 13 Cedar street, occupied by Michael Keywan, a repacker of cotton. The entire fourth floor and attic were burned. Damage \$10,000; insured for \$15,000. The third floor was occupied by a cotton yarn dealer. Damage to stock by water about \$1,000; insured for \$4,000. Joseph Hirsch, dealer in cigars and tobacco on the lower floor had his stock considerably damaged by water. Mr. Thomson, of 13 truck, was severely injured by falling through the hatchway. He was taken home.

CHANGE OF RESIDENCE.—The veteran Thurlow Weed, after a residence of thirty-five years in Albany, sold his residence there on Friday for \$19,000, and the next day purchased the large and elegant mansion of Mr. Hatchford, on Twelfth street, near Fifth Avenue, for \$50,000. He intends, therefore, to take up his residence permanently in this city.

THE COURTLANDT STREET MURDER.—Coroner Wilkey yesterday held an inquest on the body of William Carril, who was killed in his saloon, in the basement, at the corner of Courtlandt and Washington streets. The jury rendered the following verdict: "That William Carril came to his death by a pistol shot wound at the hands of Frank McCormick, Feb. 7th, 1866. We further find that Patrick Duffy and Morris Connell were accessories." None of the accused have been arrested.

THE COURTS.

COURT CALENDAR, THIS DAY.—Supreme Court, Circuit.—Part I.—Oyer & Terminer, Part II.—Nisi, 1866, 1310, 1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1316, 1317, 1318, 1319, 1320, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1324, 1325, 1326, 1327, 1328, 1329, 1330, 1331, 1332, 1333, 1334, 1335, 1336, 1337, 1338, 1339, 1340, 1341, 1342, 1343, 1344, 1345, 1346, 1347, 1348, 1349, 1350, 1351, 1352, 1353, 1354, 1355, 1356, 1357, 1358, 1359, 1360, 1361, 1362, 1363, 1364, 1365, 1366, 1367, 1368, 1369, 1370, 1371, 1372, 1373, 1374, 1375, 1376, 1377, 1378, 1379, 1380, 1381, 1382, 1383, 1384, 1385, 1386, 1387, 1388, 1389, 1390, 1391, 1392, 1393, 1394, 1395, 1396, 1397, 1398, 1399, 1400, 1401, 1402, 1403, 1404, 1405, 1406, 1407, 1408, 1409, 1410, 1411, 1412, 1413, 1414, 1415, 1416, 1417, 1418, 1419, 1420, 1421, 1422, 1423, 1424, 1425, 1426, 1427, 1428, 1429, 1430, 1431, 1432, 1433, 1434, 1435, 1436, 1437, 1438, 1439, 1440, 1441, 1442, 1443, 1444, 1445, 1446, 1447, 1448, 1449, 1450, 1451, 1452, 1453, 1454, 1455, 1456, 1457, 1458, 1459, 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